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1. The following has been extracted [redacted] from an official account of the military parade held in Moscow on 9 September 1946, which included the "Kantemirovka Guard" (4th Armored Division) commanded by Lt. Gen. Mikhail PANOV. 25X1X

2. The march formation of an Armored Division in battle is:

Recon Group
 Advance Guard
 Main Body

a) Recon Group: Task is to reconnoiter and explore territory; seeks enemy, determines its strength, and notes weak points in the deployment to enable the main body to deliver decisive blows. It consists of motorcyclists, T 34 Tanks, armored transport and motorized infantry.

b) Advance Guard: Task is to guarantee the deployment of the main body. When in contact with the enemy, it must attack and gain the initiative and when possible, cause a breakthrough for the main body. In march formation it is composed of motorcyclists, tanks, self-propelled AA artillery, medium caliber self-propelled artillery, and motorized infantry.

c) Main Body: Formed of a mobile unit at the head of the march column; command tank of the division commander; self-propelled AA and AT artillery; large bodies of motorized infantry; light vehicles containing mortars; group of T 34 tanks; self propelled SU 100 mm guns; heavy IS Stalin Tanks. The SU 152 self-propelled guns are considered suitable for opening the way for tanks in almost any circumstance. The mobile unit at the head of the column, whose composition is not specified, has the role of protecting the main body from a surprise attack, and, if this occurs, to shield its deployment. It is the first unit to attack a frontal enemy, and may also leave the main body and act in depth on its own if circumstances demand.

3. Air Support: Air protection is provided by fighters. In this particular instance there were JAK-9 and LA-5 and 7 fighters carrying bombs under the wings.

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